GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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YOUTH IN TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorism and militancy have taken roots and is growing amongst the youth as a cult;

(b) if so, the nature and number of terrorist and militant groups active in the various parts of the country, especially in the borders areas;

(c) whether any bilateral and multi-lateral agreements and understandings have been signed with bordering countries, especially with Bangladesh and Pakistan to curb and contain their militant activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): No, Sir. However, cases of the involvement of disgruntled local youth, influenced and subverted by external elements, in terrorist activities have come to notice in some parts of the country.

(b): At present, 32 organisations stand banned as terrorist organization under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 as amended in 2004.

(c) & (d): India has Joint Working Groups on counter terrorism with 23 countries. Further, India has signed Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties in criminal matters with 23 countries and Extradition Treaties with 30 countries. India has been supportive of all UN measures to combat global terrorism. So far as the bordering countries of Pakistan and Bangladesh are concerned, there are no specific treaties with them but India's security concerns and other related issues are discussed through the mechanism of the annual Home Secretary Level Talks. In addition, while India has recently set up a Joint Anti-Terrorism Mechanism with Pakistan, there exists a mechanism at the Joint Secretary level with Bangladesh on Border and security related issues. Similar mechanisms at the Home Secretary and Joint Secretary levels on border and security related issued also exist in relation to Nepal and Myanmar.